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SENATE ORATORY IS NOT DECADENT

Some Magnificent Speeches on
the Hepburn Measure.

Rate Bill's Progress Recalls Some Historic Episodes in the Upper House.

DEFENSE OF FEDERAL COURT

Washington, June 4. Lon gaffer other features of the present session of congress are forgotten the rate bill debate will be remembered, in Washington at least, as one of the greatest forensic struggles in the history of our national legislatures. It has been the fashion to point back to the "good old days" of Webster, Clay and Calhoun and to say that there are no more real statesmen and no more real oratory in congress. The struggle in the senate over the Hepburn bill has come as a revelation to these pessimists and even the old timers, who may be supposed to be prejudiced in favor of the past, are willing to admit that the discussion of the past few months in the senate has measured up to the finest traditions of that august body.

One of these old-timers, Major Holmes Conrad, who was assistant attorney general in the administration and who is himself an orator of ability, said in discussing this subject the other day, "Never before in the history of the nation has the character of the debates in congress been on so high or so finished a plane. The great leaders in the rate debate would not suffer by comparison if Webster Calhoun and their fellows were to return to their seats and to a part in the discussion. The style of oratory in senatorial debates has changed, but oratory itself is not a lost art by any means. In Webster's day debate dealt largely with abstract subjects and with the philosophy of government; now it is given over to concrete questions of fact. The old time leaders never could have withstood the keen and insistent methods of the debates of today."

The reason for the high level to which the rate bill debate rose is found of course in the fact that it dealt with a great subject. On its economic side it was fraught with tremendous possibilities for injury to our commercial prosperity. On its legal side it involved the great constitutional questions of the separate spheres of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government. It developed a spirited defense of the federal courts against the covert attacks of those who would take away from them the right of review. It is only when great themes are being discussed that great speeches can be made, and in this respect the rate bill discussion developed an opportunity such as has not occurred in many years.

Webster's great speech in defense of the Union, ending with the historic words familiar to every school boy: "Liberty and union, one and inseparable, now and forever," was cast in a mold scarcely more exalted than Senator Knox's recent defense of the courts in arguing for judicial review: **Defense of Judiciary.**

"Mr. President, men of our inheritance repel summary and arbitrary methods, and none the less if these proceed from acknowledged power, accompanied by the mere empty professions and forms of law. Judicial review of every substantial controversy affecting persons and property is a right. This right was painfully won from tyrannies of the past, and is established now beyond the power of any present tyrannies to destroy, in whatever guise they may come, and even if masquerading in the name of the people. This right is to have the rights of the parties in every controversy determined by the courts. Why, then, should there be any doubt on that point in this bill; why should the relative provisions not be clear and explicit? Is it because the friends of this bill doubt the character or capacity of the courts? I have heard that doubt suggested in and out of this chamber, and I now take leave to raise my voice in protest against the shallow and dangerous notion. Is the relation of the courts to government by the people forgotten? The courts are an integral and vital part of our government, and it would be a sad day for American civilization if their function were degraded or weakened. They are the balance wheel and check in our system between contending passions and policies."

Senator Foraker expressed a similar idea in words no less eloquent: "Why should this jurisdiction be withheld from the courts? Who distrusts them? Only violators of the law have ever had occasion to fear the justice they administer. They have been from the beginning of the common law the sure bulwark of the liberties and rights of the Anglo-Saxon race. Unmoved by passion, pre-

Treating Wrong Disease.

Many times women call on their family physician, suffering as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous exhaustion, or prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they all present alike to themselves and their easy-going and indifferent, or over-busy doctor, separate and distinct diseases, for which he, assuming them to be such, prescribes his pills and potions. In reality, they are all only symptoms caused by some uterine disease. The physician, ignorant of the cause of suffering, encourages this practice until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better, but possibly worse, by reason of the delay, wrong treatment and consequent complications. A proper medicine like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, directed to the cause would have entirely removed the disease, thereby dispelling all those distressing symptoms, and instituting comfort instead of prolonged misery. It has been well said, that "a disease known is half cured."

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dice, or public clamor, they have ever been the conservative, steady, reassuring factor in American government. Why should the advocates of this measure, affecting as it does the highest interests of the American people, seek to exclude them from their appropriate participation in the determination of the great questions that such legislation is sure to participate?"

Echo of States' Rights.
An echo of the old states' rights arguments summarized by Hayne in 1850 in the declaration that "Consolidation of government is the worst of all evils," was heard in the recent debate. Senator Morgan, a stalwart representative of the old line Democracy, in the closing hours of the Hepburn bill debate eloquently upheld the right of his own state to protect himself against the usurpation of power by the federal rate-making commission. He said:

"Sir, I am not disconcerted about what is being done here to the injury and damage of the people of my state, and much is done here from which the state of Alabama will suffer. You have given a power of differentiation between states and their seaports to this commission. They can send the commerce of the United States from the great centers out through any seaport they see proper to do by discrimination under the permission of this law. You have given them the right to do it and you cannot take it back. The state of Alabama conceives that she is not to be wronged by that invidious power. She can go into the supreme court in its original jurisdiction and can demand that the orders by which these differentials are made in favor of certain states and to the prejudice of others shall be annulled; and there cannot be a doubt in the mind of any lawyer who has ever thought of the subject that they will be annulled. So I am relying upon a power higher than the congress of the United States, or the president of the United States, for the protection of the interests of the people of Alabama as they are declared in the constitution to which I have just referred and to which my highest allegiance is due."

Though not bearing directly upon the rate question itself, the peroration of Senator Bailey's great speech in favor of denying the right of injunction to the courts in rate cases, was a

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The church was packed to the doors when the class walked down the aisles in a body and took seats reserved for them in the front pews of the auditorium. The pulpit was banked with potted plants and daisies, the class flowers. An augmented choir sang several beautiful anthems and Richard Scott sang a solo. Miss Alene Bagby with her usual power and touch performed on the violin.

Quoting his text, "And I will send an angel to lead you," the Rev. W. E. Cave expounded to the class the necessity of starting right with divine guidance. Speaking of this period as the actual commencement of their duties as citizens, he said the span of life is too brief for mistakes, especially in the beginning, and he congratulated them for pursuing their studies to the end of the course, remarking that the failures of life are due to unfinished courses.

The various angels the Lord would send for their guidance and admonition he explained and cited examples, wherein the first mistake of judgment led to grievous errors later on.

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